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SUBJECT: US/SAUDI ARABIA JOINT COMMISSION: STANDARDS

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REF: (A) JIDDA 501; (B) JIDDA 592; (C) STATE 1751

1. BATES AND BEACHAM ASSIGNMENTS NOW SET AND PROCESSING UNDER WAY. BATES ARRIVES JIDDA FEBRUARY 18, 9:35 P.M. ON SV 796. BEACHAM ARRIVES JIDDA FEBRUARY 25 9:35 P.M., SV 796. BEACHAM JUST RETURNED FEBRUARY 3 FROM FAO ASSIGNMENT ROME, AND WRAP-UP WORK THIS MISSION PREVENTS HIS EARLIER DEPARTURE WITH BATES.

2. BOTH MEN NOW IN RETIRED STATUS FROM RESPECTIVE AGENCIES. IN ORDER EXPEDITE PROCESSING, BOTH BATES AND BEACHAM BEING RETAINED AS ADVISORS BY NBS (RATHER THAN GOING MORE TIME CONSUMING DIRECT HIRE ROUTE). THEY WILL BE TRAVELLING ON OFFICIAL ORDERS FROM NBS BUT ON REGULAR CIVILIAN PASS-PORTS.

3. BOTH BATES AND BEACHAM WILL IN EFFECT BE CONTRACTED BY NBS FOR SAUDI TOUR AND PREPARATION OF FINAL REPORT IN US AT END OF TOUR. THIS MEANS SLIGHT CHANGE FROM METHOD IN UNCLASSIFIED

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REF (C) OF CALCULATING SALARY PORTION OF COST (BUT WITHOUT

DETRIMENT TO SAG), I.E., THEY WILL BE CONTRACTED AT FLAT FEE FOR COMPLETE ASSIGNMENT INCLUDING FINAL REPORT. BATES

BELIEVES 30 DAYS IN SAUDI ARABIA TOO SHORT FOR ACCOMPLISHMENT OF MISSION AS HE UNDERSTANDS IT AND INSTEAD PLANS ON

42 DAYS THERE. BEACHAM ESTIMATES HIS TOUR IN SAUDI ARABIA AT 21 DAYS. ON THIS BASIS, AGREED FEES ARE FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR BATES AND THREE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR BEACHAM. THIS HIGHER THAN SALARY ESTIMATES REF (C) BUT ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT COST ESTIMATES REF (C) EXPECTED BE REDUCED CORRESPONDINGLY. ESTIMATED TRAVEL AND PER DIEM COSTS ARE ADDITIONAL AND REMAIN ON SAME BASIS AS IN REF (C).

4. RE PARA 3 REF (A), NBS DOES NOT REPEAT NOT HAVE PRIME RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL STANDARDS. THEY ARE PREPARED WITH NBS INPUT AND ISSUED BY ANSI, ASTM, AND OTHER TRADE ASSOCIATIONS AND PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES. NBS NORMALLY PUBLISHES MONOGRAPHS AND SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS COVERING BASIC STANDARDS AND MEASUREMENT SCIENCE, BUT PRIVATE SECTOR PUBLISHES INDUSTRIAL AND ENGINEERING STANDARDS (US DOES NOT HAVE A NATIONAL BUILDING CODE). NBS FORWARDING TO EMBASSY PUBLICATIONS WHICH ARE INDICATIVE OF ITS OUTPUT. BATES IS FULLY FAMILIAR WITH NBS AND CAN ADVISE SASO ON NBS PUBLICATIONS OF BEST USE FOR ITS PURPOSES.

5. BATES AND BEACHAM HAVE ASKED TO BE MET AT AIRPORT. IF EMBASSY ANTICIPATES PROBLEMS THIS REGARD, PLEASE CABLE NAME OF HOTEL FOR EACH.

6. COMMERCE ATTEMPTING CONTACT KHOURY OF COE WHO STATIONED IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA BUT PRESENTLY OUT OF OFFICE ON SPECIAL TRAINING ASSIGNMENT. CONFIDENT WE WILL BE ABLE ARRANGE FOR BATES AND BEACHAM CONSULTATION WITH KHOURY. WILL REPORT LATER. KISSINGER

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